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<p>Re Patent Application of: Manjunath Jagannatharao et al. Application No.: 09/746,514 Filed: December 22, 2000 For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GRACEFUL SLOWLINK DELECTION AND SUBSEQUENT FAST LINK ADDITION IN AN IMA GROUP</p>	<p>Examiner: David E. Odland Art Unit: 2662 Confirmation No.: 1055</p> <p>RECEIVED OCT 12 2004 Technology Center 2600</p>
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2004, applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

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